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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 24, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please Cancel Claim 1, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

2. (Amended) A buckle assembly for securing a strap to a fixed post having an enlarged head; the assembly comprising:

a pair of spring-loaded swing arms connected at a common